

But there is another consideration which makes the affection of the Canadians still more desirable.—I should be afraid to mention it, if your Lordship had not proclaimed it already; it is the present state of Boston: Should, my Lord, (which God avert) a fatal necessity arise, (as your Lordship has been too apt both to prognosticate, and to advise) to *coerce* America; do you wish, in that melancholy event, to combine the heart of the Canadian with that of the Bostonian? Was Canada now in the possession of France, and should the Bostonian resolve upon rebellion, there can be no doubt whither he would look for support, and for encouragement. But the loss of that hope may happily dispose him to better thoughts.

If then, my Lord, the Quebec bill is founded in that first principle of all law,  
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